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1. Beginning 29 May 1952 Soviet frontier officers and enlisted men in the Astara area of the Soviet-Iranian border switched to a new color uniform described as being greener than the uniform worn previously. The new uniform is believed to be of summer weight.
2. On the mountain side in the Anuz area approximately 35 Soviet frontier troops have been occupied felling trees since 12 May. It is believed that this is preliminary to digging a new furrowed strip along the border between Anuz and Khanbulaghi, a distance of eight kilometers.
3. Soviet Colonel Polki has been frequently observed during the latter part of May at the Alasha and Qermexi frontier posts.
4. In the Soviet frontier areas of Artapa, Sonjedi, Archvan, and Mas'ed Mahalleh rice cultivation is being conducted exclusively by women. It has also been observed that there are fewer tractors in use in these areas as compared with previous years.
5. During the latter part of May increased Soviet naval activity has been observed off Soviet Astara. Armed Soviet ships patrolling the coast near the frontier sometimes appear approximately one kilometer from each other.

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